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Serial No.: 09/488,491

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For: TRANSDIFFERENTIATION OF EPIDERMAL BASAL CELLS INTO NEURAL

PROGENITOR CELLS, NEURONAL CELLS AND/OR GLIAL CELLS

Examiner: Schmidt, M.

Art Unit: 1635

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

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## Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2001 for the abovecaptioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before February 14, 2002, with a request for a three (3)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Also submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer and a Notice of Appeal in connection with the above-captioned application. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following amendments and remarks herein.